

'Equipping God's Man Aim Of Pastors' Meet

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, slated here at Memorial Coliseum June 11, will feature a day packed with preaching aimed at "Equipping the Man of God."

Proposed program for the conference, scheduled on the Monday preceding the Southern Baptist Convention, was released by Vander Warner Jr., president of the Pastors' Conference and pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Warner said the program was designed "to help fellow pastors from across America including many who come with anxieties, frustrations and disappointments. Others," he said, "come from hard places that demand more of a man than God ever intended for one man. Some of them might have lost 'the wonder of it all.'"

"It is my hope that we will help these men by giving them something new to think about, something different to try, and a reaffirmation in some cases of the faith," Warner said.

The full day of preaching will include a dozen major messages and five personal testimonies.

Speakers for the opening session on Monday morning, June 11, will be: Padgett Cope, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; J. C. Mitchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Fla.; Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.; Harper Shannon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.; and Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio.

The afternoon session will feature messages by Clyde Martin, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.; Jaroy Weber, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston; and E. V. Hill, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and president of the predominantly black California Baptist convention.

Closing session speakers will be R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; and S. Franklin Logsdon, itinerant Bible teacher from Largo, Fla., and former pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago.

Personal testimonies will be presented by Miss Rachael Saint, Wycliffe Bible Translators missionary to the Aucas Indians in Ecuador; Bob Harrington, evangelist known as the "chaplain of Bourbon Street" in New Orleans; Jess C. Moody, pastor of (Continued on page 2)

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Baptists Join Court Plea, Hargis Case

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined with several religious groups in petitioning the U. S. Supreme Court to hear a case involving the tax exempt status of Billy James Hargis' Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc.

At issue are some key church-state questions: Can the government legally define the nature and scope of the mission of the church? Can government use its power to tax as a threat to the free exercise of religion guaranteed in the First Amendment? Is it the prerogative of government to judge which moral or political issues a church may speak to without losing its tax exemption?

The Baptist agency located here was one of several religious groups sponsoring an "amicus curiae" (friend of the court) brief in behalf of the Hargis organization. Chief sponsor of the petition was the National Council of Churches, a frequent target of criticism from Hargis, a minister from Tulsa, Okla.

In the petition, the religious groups said they do not necessarily agree with all, or even most, of Hargis' views on public questions, the expression of which has cost him his tax exemption. The religious petitioners maintained, however, that the issues at stake are sufficiently fundamental to threaten the religious freedom of all church bodies.

The Hargis case concerns the interpretation of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code which grants tax exemption to churches and (Continued on page 3)

Annuity Board's Plan 'A' To Have Increased Benefits

Mississippi participants in Plan A, the state convention pooled protection plans administered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, now have larger widow benefits and a new Temporary Income Benefit.

The new benefits were made retroactive to January 1, 1973, for all members actively participating in the plan on that date.

Announcement of the new benefits was made jointly by W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board.

Morgan notified the Mississippi executive that survivors of members became eligible for the new benefits after unanimous approval was received by late April from all participating state conventions. Each convention pays one-third of the dues for members in its state.

Morgan said the benefit for wives who become widows after January 1, 1973, amounts to 50 per cent of the potential or actual retirement benefit. Previously, it had been 40 per cent.

The Temporary Income Benefit is a new feature and is payable to the survivor upon the death of a member who dies before early or normal retirement or after disability retirement. Eleven widows became eligible for the new benefit when it was made retroactive.

Morgan said the benefit is based on the age of the member at his death and can be as much as \$12,000 for a

participant under age 40. The size and length of payments decrease as the participant becomes older.

"These two outstanding features have been added to Plan A without any increase in cost to the members or the state convention," Morgan said.

"Both benefits meet areas of real need. The Temporary Income Benefit should mean much to the younger minister who is concerned about family protection," he said.

Enactment of the improved benefits followed as actuarial study that showed Plan A to be healthy enough to add the benefits at no extra cost, Morgan said.

He added that it is the policy of the Annuity Board to review retirement plans annually and add every dollar possible to benefit payments.

"These benefits were approved earlier by trustees of the Board, but final approval had to be given by each Baptist state convention because Plan A is a cooperative venture between the states and the Annuity Board.

These benefits are in addition to the 10 per cent increase in accrued retirement credits for most participants in Plan A, announced by the Board in January.

Preaching The Gospel By Symbols

By H. H. Hargrove

The ordinances of the church are symbolic rites which present, by their forms in pictorial expression, the basic truths of the gospel. The meaning and messages of the ordinances are in their forms. As the meaning and significance of the United States flag are in its forms those of the ordinances are in their forms. To change the form of the flag would make it but a mere worthless rag. To change the purpose and form of the ordinances would destroy them as the significant and meaningful rites which the Lord gave and which he observed with definite purpose. Dr. A. T. Robertson said, "The form itself is necessary to the significance of the rite." (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, p. 288)

The ordinances of the church, then, are rites which literally preach the gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection by their symbolic meaning. Referring to the Lord's Supper Paul said, "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (1 Cor. 11:26) The Greek word here for "shew" (katagello) means "to tell thoroughly, proclaim, preach." It is used twelve times in the New Testament. "shew" and in both contexts has the meaning of "preach." (Acts 16:17; 26:25) In the other nine times it is translated "preach." (Acts 4:2; 13:5,38; 15:36; 17:3,13; 1 Cor. 9:14) Phil. 16:18; Col. 1:28) Therefore, Paul's meaning here was, "as often as ye eat this bread and drink this

cup ye do preach the Lord's death till he come." The symbols of bread and wine, by silent proclamation, preach the gospel of Christ's sacrificial death.

Although the word for "preach" is nowhere used in connection with baptism in the Scripture, the symbolism within the ordinance show it also to be a preacher of the gospel on the basis as do those of the Lord's Supper. By baptism one preaches, in symbol, the gospel of the Lord's death, burial and resurrection. (Rom. 6:2-6; Col. 2:12) This was the gospel Paul said he preached: "That Christ died for our sins . . . that he was buried . . . and that he rose again." (1 Cor. 15:1-4) In addition we note that the candidate, by the symbols of his baptism, also announces that his old life (Continued on page 2)

Christian Home Week To Feature "RealLife In Christian Homes"

NASHVILLE — In the midst of an affluent society, boredom is increasing in many American homes! Life seems to have lost its purpose!

Parents are too busy providing material things for the family and neglecting other more important factors. Children grow up in this emptiness and at adolescence cry out, "Who am I?" or "Where am I going?" Many young people try to find a meaningful life in communes, or through "rock" festivals and drugs.

How do we prevent these social problems from entering our homes? The church can lead families to experience "RealLife in Christian Homes," the theme for Christian Home Week, May 6-13.

"As more and more people turn to the church for help," says Harold Bergen, family ministries consultant in the Sunday School Board's church administration department, "the church must be ready to minister to their needs. Through observances like Christian Home Week the church is able to provide answers for family (Continued on page 2)

McMullan Will Be Chairman Of Radio-TV Drive

W. P. 'Pat' McMullan Jr., president of Deposit Guaranty National Bank in Jackson was elected chairman of a Second Step campaign for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission at a luncheon at the Petroleum Club last week.

Named to serve with him in Jackson's effort for the Radio and Television Commission were Henry Hederman, partner, Hederman Brothers, initial gifts division; Charles H. Hooker, president, Mississippi Stationery Co., major gifts division, and Allen Karstens, senior vice president and property manager for Bankers Trust Plaza, special gifts division.

Members of the advisory committee for the campaign include Charles Carter, Julian Clark, Tom Hederman, Ralph Hester, Henry Holman, Charles H. Hooker, Dr. Lucien 'Luke' Hodges, James Kilgore, Louie E. Little, W. Baldwin 'Buddy' Lloyd, R. L. Miller, Paul 'Mack' W. R. 'Buck' Newman, Jr., H. B. Peritt, L. M. Sepaugh, E. L. Stanford, and Dudley White.

The Jackson effort is expected to raise \$150,000 for the Commission. The money will be used to build a major television production studio and a training center for religious broadcasting.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, the former Mississippian who now heads the Radio and Television Commission's world-wide effort for God, told the nearly 100 of the city's civic and religious leaders that the Radio and Television Commission is "determined to make a major contribution to (Continued on page 2)

Southeast Asia Relief Programs Launched By BWA

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists have set a minimum goal of \$50,000 for alleviation of suffering and assistance in reconstruction in Vietnam and nearby parts of Southeast Asia.

Chester J. Jump of Valley Forge, Pa., chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, said that actually twice this amount — \$100,000 — is needed for "a program worthy of world Baptists."

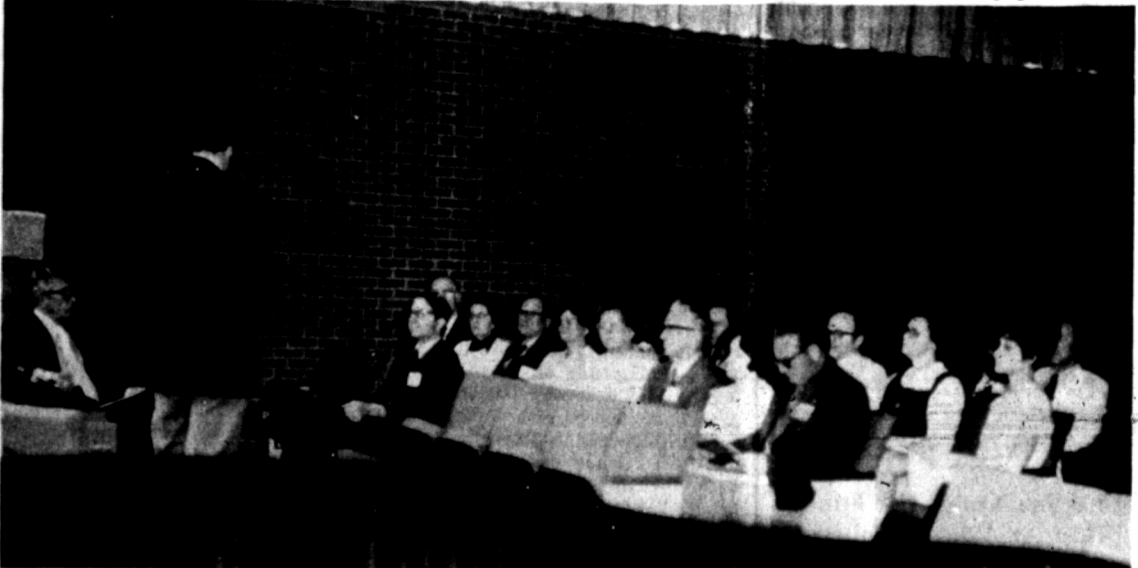
Assistance to the war ravaged areas will begin in May, Jump announced, and will be administered in large part by Baptist organizations already in the area.

A total of nine to ten million persons are estimated to have been made homeless by the hostilities in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, Jump said. A large proportion of these are infants and children.

He estimated also that approximately one million persons are in need of medical attention, most of them civilians as distinguished from fighting personnel.

Financial contributions — money, not materials — not being sought to underwrite the Baptist aid effort. Gifts can be channeled through denominational offices in all parts of the world, or sent direct to the BWA offices in Washington and London.

Governments of the world can be expected to provide a considerable amount of assistance. BWA officials said however that experience following other wars indicates that governmental distribution of aid often leaves some persons with needs un-



Furloughing Missionaries Meet At Baptist Building

On Friday morning, April 27, a fellowship meeting of furloughing and retired Mississippi Baptist foreign missionaries was held at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Plans for this occasion were made by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and president of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC; Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First, McComb, and state member of the FMB; and Missionary Stanley Stamps of Ecuador. Sixteen of the twenty furloughing Mississippi missionaries were present.

add his support to our cause." Mrs. Owen Cooper is a member of the William Carey College Board of Trustees.

SBC President Will Address Carey Appreciation Dinner

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and outstanding Baptist layman of Yazoo City, will be the featured speaker on Friday evening, May 4, at a special William Carey College Appreciation Dinner on the Hattiesburg campus.

"In connection with the 1973 Million Dollar Development Campaign of the college, the dinner has been planned to include hundreds of friends, supporters and alumni," commented Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president. "We are indeed honored to have Owen Cooper

An added attraction to the gala affair will be an entertainment special in the person of Dr. Dan Pratt, outstanding after-dinner comedian, who is chairman of the department of voice of Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

The William Carey College Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the Carey School of (Continued on page 2)

McMullan To Be Chairman

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the welfare of this country and the world today."

He cited the outreach of Baptists who support the Radio and Television Commission through the Cooperative Program. "The Radio and Television Commission's radio and television programs reach more than 100,000,000 people a year," he stated. "We receive letters by the hundreds, daily, from people who would never have heard of God's love if it hadn't been for programs like 'The Baptist Hour,' and 'Powerline' and 'Master Control' and 'Country Crossroads.'"

Stevens said that the Radio and Television Commission is not desirous to compete with churches, but its programs are geared to reach the unchurched, uninterested and unsaved and tell them about "God's love for them, God's interest in them, and their need for God."

"Then we encourage them to join a church near them where they feel they can best learn more about God's demands on their lives," Stevens said.

The Jackson campaign is part of a nationwide effort to raise a total of \$3 million in 34 cities across the nation. The money will be used to build a major television production studio and training center for religious broadcasting.

"The new building will have the most modern equipment available," Dr. Stevens told the Jackson group. "It will be the largest of its kind between Los Angeles and New York. The building will be flexible enough to accommodate future developments as the communications media continues to make technical progress."

"The broadcast training center will be open to clergymen of all faiths to train them in the art of broadcasting," he said.

Texas industrialist Charles D. Tandy, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Tandy Corp., which owns (among other interests) Radio Shacks and Allied Electronics, is national campaign chairman.

"The new building is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$3 million," said Dr. Stevens. "When Fort Worth, the Commission's home city, heard of the campaign, officials decided to raise one million of the \$3 million goal. They have already raised more than \$900,000 of that goal."

Other cities where campaigns are in progress include Roanoke, Va., where \$192,000 has been raised on a \$150,000 goal; Shreveport, La., which has raised \$145,000 of a \$150,000 goal, and Knoxville, Tenn., where \$92,000 of a \$150,000 goal has been reached.

"Commission programs are so professionally prepared and are held in such high esteem by the broadcast industry that in 1972 its programming was given more than \$7 million worth of free public service time," Dr. Stevens said.

"Nationally, one out of every four radio and television stations uses Commission programs. The Commission's ministry is non-sectarian, Bible-centered, and cuts across all religious, national and international lines. It is directed at people not already involved in religious activities."

Foreign Board Urges SBC

"Reinforce Vietnam Missions"

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MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here adopted a resolution calling on Southern Baptists to reinforce mission efforts in South Vietnam and to double the missionary force there in the near future.

The board also asked Southern Baptists "to saturate our missionary, their Vietnamese Baptist co-workers and all other Christians with intense, consistent prayer," and "to provide resources to allow Southern Baptists to assist as concerned Christians in the rehabilitation of the Vietnamese people."

It followed a report sent to the board on those needs and opportunities by Southern Baptist Missionary Lewis I. Myers Jr. His report was based on a meeting of the executive committee of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam.

"Baptists could stand tall and cast a long shadow in Vietnam during the next five years if personnel and resources were immediately available," Myers said in the report.

"This may be the most critical five-year period in the history of Vietnam," Myers said. Most Vietnamese people are thinking in terms of a mor-

tal rebuilding as well as a physical one — what an open door!"

"People are crying, 'My country, for someone to assist in agricultural cooperatives, small fisheries and light industry — not just in terms of financial investment but principally in terms of training national personnel to work and manage these economic ventures.'"

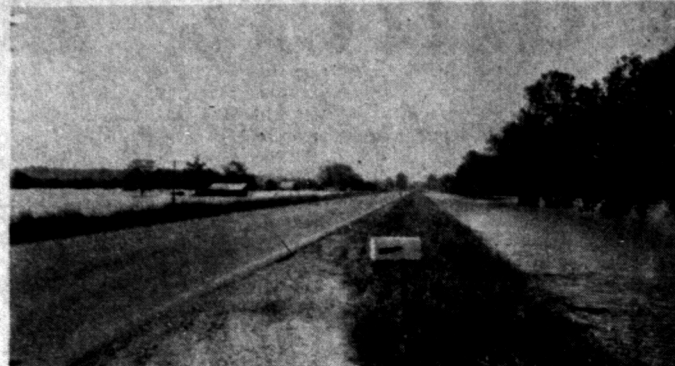
He and other missionaries attending the executive-level meeting said they are "staggered by the challenge of the land, the open doors for spreading the kingdom," and "severe personnel limitations in trying to respond to the future."

Summer changes in personnel, with some leaving for furlough and others returning, will leave 17 "slots" for service and nine missionary families to fill them, he noted. This is with no projected expansion in current work.

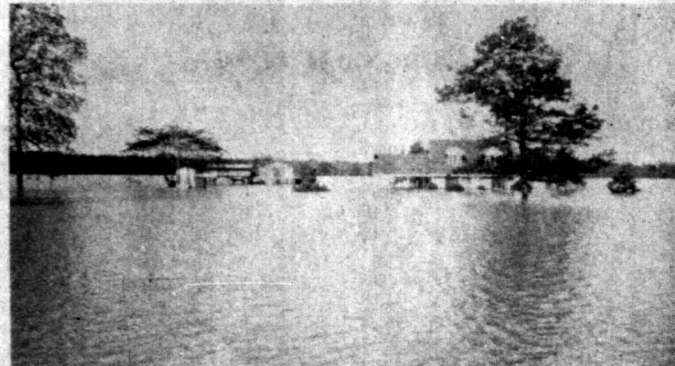
Missionaries on the field are already carrying more than their share of the load, Myers said. They work as pastor-advisors to dozens of home churches who are without trained national leadership and give themselves to lay leadership training in addition to the normal load of direct evangelism.

Flood Waters In Lower Delta

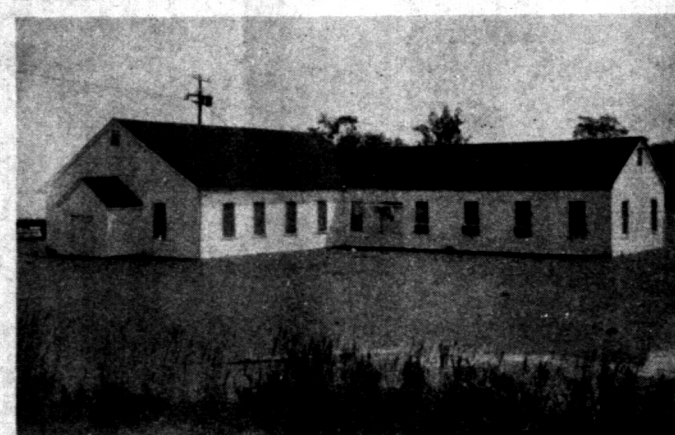
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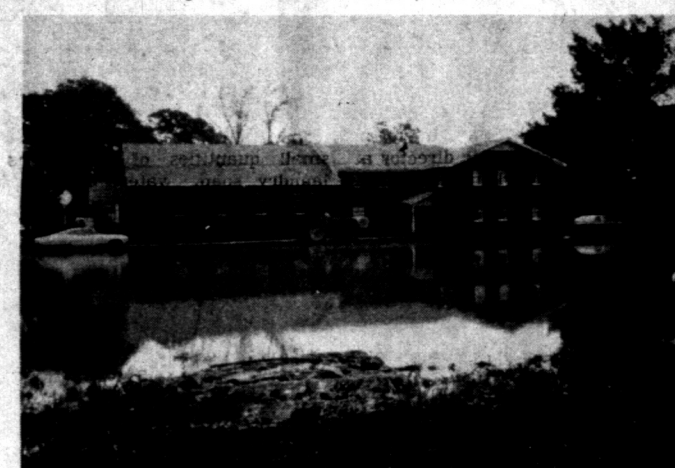
A highway (U.S. 61) in a "river." Thousands of acres of land in the Yazoo Basin above Vicksburg are covered.



A farm home along Highway 61, is one of hundreds now standing in water.



Valley Park Church, sitting in water. The water has risen more than a foot since this picture was taken last week.



Holly Bluff church sitting in water. Flood was expected to rise a foot or two more. Families in the town have been evacuated.

Baptists Join Plea Before Supreme Court In Hargis Tax Case

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other religious organizations which qualify under its terms, namely: "Corporations... organized and operated exclusively for religious... purposes... no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

The above section of the Internal Revenue Code has been interpreted differently by the IRS and two lower courts.

In 1964 the IRS notified Hargis that Christian Echoes did not qualify for tax exemption. In June 1971 Judge Allen E. Barrow of the Federal District Court in Tulsa ruled that the exemption was protected by the First Amendment and ordered the government to return \$103,493 that had been collected in taxes with interests.

Last December the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th circuit in Denver, Colo., reversed the district court decision. This court said that Christian Echoes had engaged in "substantial and continuous" political activity and that some of its statements and programs were "activities which Congress intended shouldn't be carried on by exempt organizations."

Hargis appealed to the Supreme Court claiming that the government

does not have the constitutional right to "censor" the statements and activities of religious organizations.

In filing the amicus brief, the religious bodies said they "strongly oppose" the limitation of Section 501 (c) (3) which, as interpreted by IRS and applied by the appeals court decision, permits a wholesale audit of all the activities of religious organizations and limits tax exemption to those organizations "willing to re-

strict the exercise of their First Amendment rights."

Further, they declared that the code, as applied, permits "gross entanglements" of the Internal Revenue Service in church affairs, "and favors (and thus tends to establish) religious organizations which by doctrine or tradition remain aloof from public questions."

Of greatest concern, the sponsors of the amicus brief maintained, "is

the chilling effect of these statutory restrictions upon the most fundamental rights of all citizens — freedom of speech and of the press, and the right to petition the government — which is compounded here by even more profound threat to the free exercise of religious by churches to whom loss of federal tax exemption could prove disastrous."

In upholding the IRS position to strip Christian Echoes of its tax exemption, the appeals court held that First Amendment restraints under Section 501 (c) (3) were "in keeping with an overwhelming and compelling governmental interest: that of guaranteeing that the wall separating church and state remain high and firm."

The amicus sponsors said the lower court "wrongly assumes" that church and state should by their very nature occupy separate spheres of interest, when in fact the converse is true.

"The objective of the First Amendment is not to prevent church and state from both becoming involved in particular issues having both a moral and a political content. Rather the objective is to prevent, as far as possible, the intrusion of either into the exclusive precincts of the other," the religious groups maintained.

Sponsors of the amicus brief continued that the limitations on tax exemption as applied to religious organizations in the Internal Revenue Code upheld by the court below "have the potential of seriously weakening

if not destroying the wall between church and state."

"These restraints elevate to a preferred status those religions which refrain from participation in moral issues of public concern, and represent a value judgment by the government on what the true function of a religion and its ministry should be."

"The prospect of the government deciding what should or should not be legitimate areas for religious concern and activity cannot be reconciled with

the First Amendment requirement of government neutrality," declared the amicus petitioners.

If the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case, the Baptist agency will participate further as a "friend of the court" in support of Hargis, in keeping with action of the Baptist Joint Committee in its meeting in March of this year. If the court accepts the case, it will be argued sometime next fall or winter, with a decision expected by spring or summer 1974.

Shuttle Bus Service Slated At Portland SBC

PORTLAND (BP)—Shuttle bus service will be provided between downtown Portland hotels and virtually all metropolitan Portland areas to the Portland Coliseum for the benefit of persons attending the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings, June 11-14. Continuous service will be provided from the coliseum to downtown Portland areas, and persons who have accommodations in outlying areas will be able to use regular express bus service to downtown Portland on a fare basis and use the shuttle buses from the downtown area to the coliseum, according to convention arrangements chairman Dan C. Stringer.

Shuttle buses will operate beginning at 7:30 a.m. daily, and concluding at 10:30 p.m. Monday morning through Thursday evening. Use of the shuttle service will be available to anyone holding a \$3 ticket, which is good for any part or all of the four-day period.

Tickets may be purchased at the registration area in the coliseum during the convention. Convention messengers may use the buses on Monday and Tuesday mornings without a ticket so they may wait to purchase tickets when they register, Stringer said.

Outlying areas providing regular express bus service to downtown Portland, connecting with the shuttle buses, include Lake Oswego, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Gresham, Oregon City, Forest Grove, and Vancouver.

Adequate parking is available at the coliseum at the cost of 50 cents per entry, 75 cents per day, or \$3.00 per week, Stringer added.

Southeast Asia Relief Programs Begun By BWA

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met, and voluntary agencies, such as religious groups, can be helpful to those otherwise passed over.

Jump said further that the giving of aid by Baptists will be a real-life expression of Christian love and compassion. Baptist aid is not limited to Baptists or to Christians, but it is given in the name of Jesus Christ.

The money given will provide material aid — clothing, medical supplies, canned beef, milk and other food stuffs, blankets, and mats.

Provision must also be made for small quantities of such items as laundry soap, water buckets, and kerosene lamps.

However, because of the high cost of transportation and handling, the BWA does not solicit material dona-

tions, but asks instead for monetary gifts, which can be used by the Relief Department to purchase needed items for suppliers close to the point of need.

Relief in southeast Asia is in the tradition of the Baptist World Relief program of disaster relief. Thirty years ago Baptists of the world began combining their efforts for post-war relief in Europe.

As other armed conflicts have occurred, Baptists have sought to be helpful as soon as circumstances permitted.

A few years ago, a major effort was put forth after the civil war in Nigeria. Last year it was post-war relief in Bangladesh, and relief for Burundese following conflict within that country.

Annuitants' Luncheon Set For Portland

PORTLAND, ORE. — The annual Annuitants' Luncheon, sponsored by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will take place here Wednesday, June 13.

Site of the luncheon will be the Pavilion Room of the Hilton Hotel. Time is 1 p.m. The luncheon is held each year during sessions of the SBC.

Tickets may be obtained, without charge, at the Annuity Board booth in the Exhibit Hall on Monday and Tuesday, June 11-12.

All individuals who receive benefit payments from the Annuity Board are eligible to attend this luncheon, Board president Darold H. Morgan of Dallas said.

BBI To Offer Seven Summer Courses

Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., will offer choices from seven courses during the 1973 summer school, according to the dean, Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr.

Classes meet five times a week, June 11 through July 6, each class lasting for 90 minutes. Each course will be for two semester hours credit and would apply to graduation.

"A student could schedule three courses," the dean said, "but two usually is a full load, due to the extensive reading required."

Instructors and courses offered are Dr. J. W. Lee, "Old Testament Intensive" (Amos, Micah); Dr. Lewis A. Curtis, "Theology of the Synoptic Gospels"; Dr. Edward L. Scruggs, "Contemporary Evangelism"; Dr. Wiley Richards, "Introduction to Philosophy"; Professor Cecil L. Davis, "Missions in the Bible"; Professor Dorothy Wamble, "Music Theory"; and Dr. William G. Caldwell, "Audio Visual Aids."

AGBOR, Nigeria — Following the first of 18 associational evangelistic campaigns in Nigeria, this city's local association of Baptist churches has registered decisions of more than 1,400 persons to accept Christ as their Savior. An additional 600 rededicated their lives to Christ. Among those making an initial commitment were two Ju-ju priests and several tribal chiefs. The three-week campaign began with a week of personal witnessing and leadership training, followed by the inner-city campaign. All area churches of the association participated during the third week.

Program Set For Oakland

Bobby Koonce and his choir from the First Church, Ripley, will be in the Oakland Church on May 5, 7:30 p.m. The program will last about one hour. The public is invited and especially the young people.



Those taking part in honoring Rev. and Mrs. Estus Mason upon occasion of their 19th anniversary at First Church, Crystal Springs, were, from left: James Beasley, minister of music and youth; Ray Grillo, deacon; Mrs. Mason, Mr. Mason; Louis Burghard, deacon; Charles Gordon, minister of education.



Statue of Sacajawea in Portland

Statue of Sacajawea, the Indian woman who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition through several thousand miles of wilderness to the Pacific. The memorial is in Washington Park, Portland, Oregon, where the Southern Baptist Convention convenes June 12-14. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Masons Honored On 19th Year At First, Crystal Springs

The First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs honored the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. Estus Mason, on the occasion of their nineteenth anniversary with the church in a surprise ceremony during the Sunday morning service, April 15.

Rev. Charles Gordon, minister of education and assistant to the pastor, took charge of the service and instructed the men to unroll the appreciation banner made by Mrs. Jerry Gaddy. The large banner was displayed from the balcony and contained these words: "In appreciation, Rev. and Mrs. Estus Mason, April 1954 — April 1973, nineteen years of faithful service."

Two of the young people of the church, Donna Green and Steve Lingle, presented a corsage to Mrs. Mason and a boutonniere to Mr. Mason, gifts of Mrs. Mason's Sunday School Department, Youth III.

Ray Grillo brought a brief history of the highlights of the church's growth and accomplishments during the period in which the Masons have served. These highlights included the erection of a new sanctuary, the building of a new educational wing, the purchase of a church bus, the purchase of an activities building, significant increases in giving to all causes, additions of the church member-

ship of over 1400 members, of which over 500 came on professions of faith.

One of Mr. Mason's favorite hymns, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," was sung by Mrs. Martha Traxler after which Louis Burghard, on behalf of the church, presented the Masons a check for an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land.

Mr. Mason expressed heartfelt thanks to the church for making a dream come true in the trip to the Holy Land, and for the church's expression of appreciation to them as pastor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason's daughters, Mrs. Sara Nell Evans and Mrs. Ruth Anne Kitchens of Jackson, with their children, were present for the anniversary observance.

Baptist Hour Topics

A description of a successful Christian life, the building blocks of a nation, an open door, and a date with destiny all are subjects of sermons for THE BAPTIST HOUR this spring.

On April 29, Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, BAPTIST HOUR speaker for nearly 15 years, will detail the successful Christian life in a sermon titled "Beyond Easter." His May 6 subject describes "A Nation's Building Blocks" as a Christian home, Christian parents and Christian individuals.

In his Mother's Day sermon May 13, Dr. Hos says that "Mother is more than a name. Our sick society can be healed at the human level only by motherhood."

His May 20 sermon subject is "The Open Door" and on May 27 he will preach "A Date With Destiny." The latter sermon reminds his listeners that man, like Pilate, is faced with the question, "What shall I do with Jesus?"

"The choices are simple," Dr. Hobbs warns. "You can receive Him or reject Him, but upon your decision will rest the eternal fate of your soul. The choice is simple one of reception or rejection, but the consequences are eternal in nature."

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"Water, Water, Everywhere"

"Water, water, everywhere. . . . Those are words from some literature out of the past. We are sure that they have been called to mind often by some Mississippians in recent weeks.

In the news over the past weeks have been the names of Columbus, Greenwood, and some of the smaller cities, and right now the oft-repeated names, include Vicksburg, Sharkey and Issaquena Counties, the Yazoo River valley, and numerous communities and places. Of course, flooded areas in other states also are in the news.

Last Thursday, at the suggestion of Dr. Hudgins, your editor and W. R. Roberts, Annuity Board representative for the state, took a quick trip through the present flooded areas, hoping to contact some of the pastors, and seeing firsthand what was happening to some of the churches. The survey was far from complete, since we did not visit all presently flooded areas nor those where the critical situation already has passed.

Our trip took us first to Sartatia, where it appeared that our Baptist church and pastor's home are safe from the high waters, unless the rise is much higher than presently anticipated. We did not see the pastor since he was not at home at the time of our visit.

From Sartatia, we journeyed down to Redwood just above Vicksburg. From time to time along highway 3 we could see the waters of the Yazoo covering vast areas of farm lands, and wooded areas. When we turned back north on highway 61 at Redwood, and crossed the Yazoo River bridge there, immediately we were in the area of the most severe flooding. On both sides of the highway, as far as one could see, was water. Here we could see homes and farm buildings standing in water, and farm equipment parked along the highways above the water level.

Here, too, we knew that we were in the area of the Eagle Lake sector, where a broken levee has brought severe flooding in recent days. We also

understood that one of our churches, the Long Lake Church, was standing in deep water. It was impossible to get anywhere near it.

Soon we arrived at Valley Park where the church building stands in water, with the prospect that it may be two or three feet deep in the water before the crisis is over. Rev. Arlis E. Smith is pastor. The pastor's home is in an area across the highway that presently is protected by levees. It is hoped that these protective barriers may keep the water out, but only time and the height the water goes will show whether the area is safe.

As we drove along highway 61 toward Cary, we saw numerous homes, some old and some new, sitting in the water, with the level of the water being from a few inches to several feet. In a number of places we saw where temporary private levees had been built around houses and farm buildings, in the desperate effort to keep the muddy waters out. It was interesting to see a house and farm buildings, sitting down in a levee protected hole, completely surrounded by a vast lake of water that stretches as far as one can see. Some families have lost the fight, however, with the continuously rising waters.

The Cary church and pastor's home did not appear to be in immediate danger even as most of the community did not, but water was visible in all directions covering the farm lands that surround the community and still is rising. The same was true as we moved on toward Rolling Fork, although more of the land was out of the water there. However, water covered areas were continually visible.

We drove on up to Anguilla, which apparently will escape the flood, and turned east along state highway 13. We had heard that with a two foot rise, Louise might be inundated. However, as we came there it seemed evident that only a very high rise could bring water to the church or pastor's home or most of the other homes of this community.

We had positive reports of problems at Holly Bluff, so drove south from Louise on highway 49W, to take state highway 16 to that community. We ran through water about six inches deep at one point and the predicted rise quickly will stop traffic on that road. We found that water already was in Holly Bluff from the Sunflower River, and that the road to Rolling Fork already was closed. Water had entered the education building of the church and the predicted two foot rise probably would put it in the auditorium. Already the pastor's home, behind the church was being threatened and furniture from the home was being placed upstairs in the church building. We talked to the pastor, Aubrey Jones, and he and his family were moving that day into the missionary's home in Yazoo City, to stay there until the waters subsided. Painted on the steps of one of the stores in the community was a line showing the height the water is expected to reach. If this is the crest, it will put the muddy waters into most homes and businesses of the little town. One man told us that his father had stood the 1927 flood and he was going to tough this one out. Since we were there officials have urged all families to leave. There was no sign of panic, but just evidence of determined effort to meet the worst that comes. We saw trailers and truck loads of furniture leaving the community.

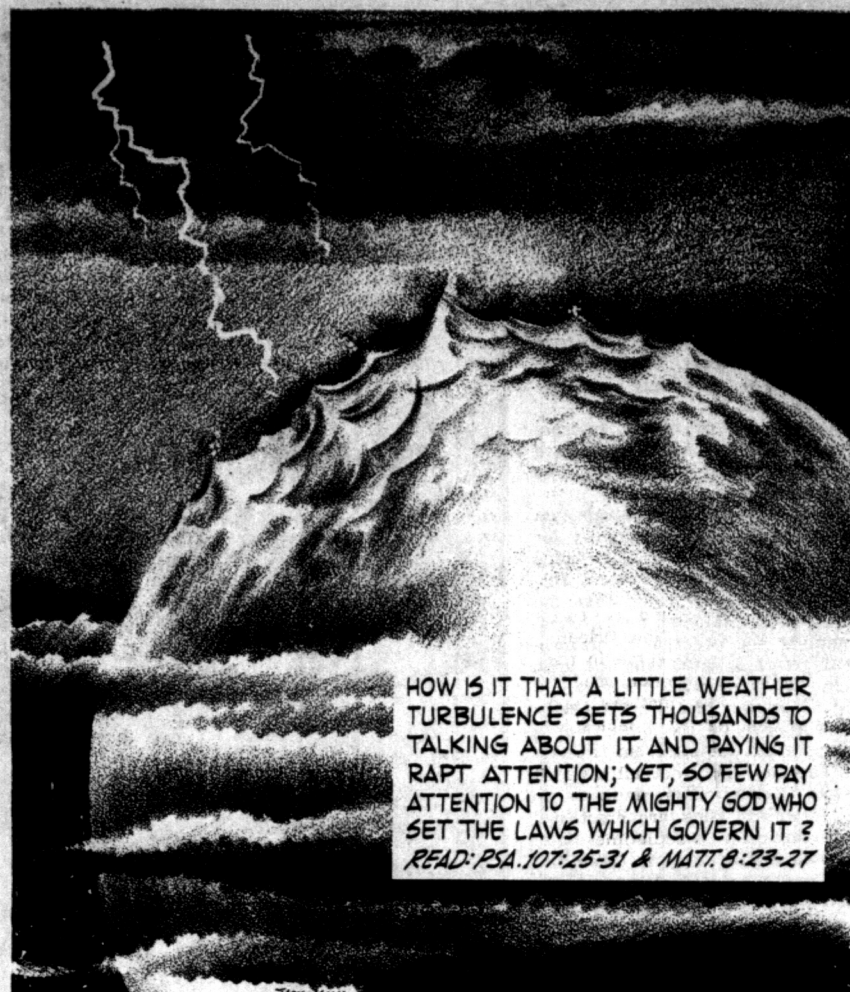
Retracing our tracks to Louise we drove on to Belzoni, where we learned of areas around that city that are under water. Also we learned that some of the small communities west of there in the Sunflower valley, were cut off, and probably were in water. This may include some of our churches. Belzoni itself had no problems, except the one that is common for the areas, and that is that the farm lands, upon which the economy depends, either are under water, or are so wet that planting cannot be done. As we drove east along highway 12, and then south on 49E we continued to see large flooded areas, but most of the lands simply are too wet for planting and for cultivation to be done. Soon we were back in Yazoo City and then down 49 to Jackson.

Conclusions from this brief survey revealed to us that it is the lower Yazoo Valley, and the lower Sunflower valley, which are in the most distressing condition. There thousands of acres of land still are under water and there is little chance for the waters to subside until the Mississippi itself begins to move downward from its present stages. And with crests just now passing St. Louis and Cairo it appears that it will be days and perhaps weeks, before relief can come to the Mississippi sector.

Apparently only a few of the Baptist churches have suffered actual physical damage from the invading waters, although, as we have said, we have not surveyed all areas. Reports indicate, however, that only a limited number actually have had water in them. Also some pastors' homes have had the waters. Nevertheless, it is clear that hundreds of homes of members have been or still are in the waters, and certainly large numbers of the members have their lands under water. This means that the economy of the whole area will be affected. And just as serious is the fact that farmers in other areas of the whole Delta, and in the hill country as well, are being delayed in getting crops in because of the wet soil. This will mean economic problems for the whole area this summer and fall.

All of us can join in praying for these areas. We can pray that the Lord will bring the rainy season to an end, so that even yet, crops can be planted in most of the area, and the summer growing season can bring a better situation.

(Some pictures of flooded areas are shown on page 2.)



HOW IS IT THAT A LITTLE WEATHER TURBULENCE SETS THOUSANDS TO TALKING ABOUT IT AND PAYING IT RAPT ATTENTION; YET, SO FEW PAY ATTENTION TO THE MIGHTY GOD WHO SET THE LAWS WHICH GOVERN IT? READ: PSA. 107:25-31 & MAT. 8:23-27

A Searching Observation

Raises Questions Concerning Government Property Grant To MC

Dear Dr. Odle:

On Friday, April 20, I attended a ceremony of presentation four miles southeast of Clinton on the old Jackson - McRaven Rd. On that occasion, which began at 10 a.m. an instrument of conveyance was delivered to the president of Mississippi College, Dr. Lewis Nobles, who in turn delivered it to the chairman or president of the Board of trustees of the college, Mr. Nick Walker. This document was delivered by a representative of the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Thus was transferred 220 acres of land and several buildings which were previously the property of the United States to this state's oldest Baptist educational institution. The only mention of remuneration by the college, was embodied in a statement made by the representative of H. E. W. who made the presentation. The college undertakes to use the land for the purposes laid out in the application. These purposes are legitimate in that they are designed to supply added facilities for the college program.

May I know in what manner this transaction differs from other types of government subsidy against which Baptists have traditionally taken an implacable stand?

May I know also if Mississippi Baptists generally have been informed about this transaction? If not, why not?

If they were informed, why has there been no reaction from among them in the Record? It is inconceivable to me that one of the most precious of our doctrines is thus casually abandoned, but as of Friday, April 20, 1973, this appeared to be a tragic fact. If, this be true, then, henceforth, Baptists of Mississippi, orate no more on the peculiarity of your inheritance, which you got from your fathers and which you intend to bequeath to your successors! You believe no more in the separation of Church and State! Or, if you believe in such separation, it is on occasion when it serves the interests of Baptist institutions.

A point of jeopardy to Baptists here is that this may place our college more firmly under the yoke of government dominance. The time could possibly come when administrators of the college would have to clear with Health, Education and Welfare officials any and all functions of the school. If this seems far fetched, let those who have been the victims of such governmental dictation rise up from the prisons, the battlefields and the chambers of the Inquisition in history to testify. To protest that these things cannot happen in America is to attempt to fly into the face of proven fact. It can happen, and will happen, anywhere. It cannot happen where God's people are awake and active in opposition to the small beginnings of such a condition.

I wish to express my deep respect and admiration for the members of the Board of Trustees and faculty of Mississippi College, who daily have to confront difficult situations in the administration of the school. They are Godly men and women and deserve our support in all ways. They also deserve our "loyal opposition" when we question their action. On this occasion, in this humble scribe they have that loyalty. To them I wish to say, I will meet you at the throne of grace!

Fraternally yours,
Cecil Roberson, Retired Missionary
Nigerian field.
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Ex-Mississippian Invites SBC Messengers To See Oregon

Dear Dr. Odle:

A trip to Oregon will not be complete without a visit to the Willamette Valley. The



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I stopped by the teacher's lounge and put my lunch in the refrigerator. Then I flipped the handle on the 36-cup West Bend so that coffee flowed down into my paper cup and flavor-steam floated up into my nostrils. Then I balanced nearly a ream of paper which I had imprinted from stencils the afternoon before on an arm with my purse and juggled all these and me through the door, closing it behind me without spilling a drop of coffee.

The hall was empty, and I went down it sipping and singing. I soon rounded a corner and met one of our maids, who said, "You sound happy."

"I always sing on Friday," I answered.

To myself I added, Friday is a good day. It's the end of the school week, and both my pupils and I are ready for a couple of days off. I think I know a secret, though: no matter how they, or I, gripe during the week and look forward to Friday, there's always a bit of excitement about getting back to school on Mondays. At least, there is for me.

Friday is also the day on whose night special things are planned. It begins the weekend, which our youngest gets to spend working at a job he loves, and when our mid-level is involved in all kinds of exciting senior-year-in-high-school things, and when our oldest is often going out to preach (something he loves to do nearly as much as his Daddy does) or to see his girlfriend.

Friday heralds Sunday, that act of generosity on God's part. All our family enjoys church-planned activities that help us keep life where it ought to be.

Best of all, for me, James comes home late Friday nights, if he has been out of town for a revival. Before he gets there and all the boys come in from their various doings, I try to clean house a little and get things in order for our rare full-family times from around midnight Friday until early Sunday mornings, when we begin to scatter for another hectic, busy week.

Maybe the culmination of circumstances which make you feel like singing comes some other day in the week. I just hope you have such a day. And you can understand why I always sing on Friday.

valley joining Portland is about 150 miles long and 40 wide. Corvallis is in the center of this beautiful valley. It is the home of Oregon State University and Grant Avenue Baptist Church, the only S. B. C. Church in the county of 50,000 people.

Grant Avenue Baptist will welcome S. B. C. messengers to Oregon and Corvallis for the convention.

My wife, Christine and I, have been here for four years. Our home was Kosciusko, Mississippi.

If any of us can assist you and Mississippi Baptist while in Oregon for the convention, please call on us.

Sincerely,
Hayward Moore, Pastor
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Christian Home Week

One of the old songs which seldom is heard in this modern day is entitled "Home, Sweet Home." It is a very simple tune, and perhaps is too simplistic for our modern day. Yet, the sentiments of the song are needed just as much, or even more, today, than ever before.

It probably is difficult to think of a modern home as being "sweet." Somehow that sounds mushy, and very much out of line with modern living. With our pressures, and rushing, and involvements, and activities, home is little more than a place to eat, sleep, and change clothes, so that we can rush off to some other engagement, or program.

Maybe this is the reason so many homes are failing today. We have lost the fundamentals which God gave when he established the home, and in losing those foundation principles, we have so weakened the super structure of the home that it is collapsing. Husbands and wives hardly have the time to really know one another, and the children live in such a rush that parents merely are a convenience, to be called upon when needed. How tragic all of this is. And the result is even more tragic. Broken homes, shattered vows, stunned and bewildered children, wrecked lives.

It should not be so! God made the home to bring happiness and blessing to the world. He meant for it to be a place for love and warmth and growth and happiness. "Husbands, love your wives" says the Bible, and "wives, love your husbands." Parents are told to love their children and to care for

them and nurture them. Nothing is more beautiful than a truly Christian home; nothing is more tragic than a home where Christ is left out.

Next week, Southern Baptists, along with other Christian groups everywhere, give emphasis to the Christian home. How important it is that every family become a participant in this observance. Pastors should preach upon it and lead their people in observing it. Classes and groups should give emphasis to the place of Christ and the Bible in building Christian homes.

Let it be a time of reestablishing Christian relationships in the home.

If need be, let there be frank discussion and forgiveness, to eliminate frictions and divisions which have developed.

Let the family, together, rededicate itself to the Lord, and to his church.

Let Bible reading and prayer be established as a part of the family life. Too busy to find a time? Find it anyway! If the only time the family ever is together is around the breakfast table or the evening meal, then set that as a time to read God's word together and pray together.

Let there be new understanding and fellowship between parents and children. Let children respect and obey their parents; let parents recognize the problems and needs of the children and join in finding answers and solutions to them.

Already the Christian home should be doing these things. If you have been failing to do them, then now is the time to start. Let this 1973 Christian Home week be the time of the beginning of doing the things which you have known for a long time that you should be doing.

ings of this Baptist leader will eagerly reach for this volume. Those who are not acquainted with Dr. Havner will find this a good example of the more than 25 outstanding books which he has written.

THE SATAN-SELLER by Mike Warnke with Dave Balsiger and Les Jones (Logos International, 214 pp., \$2.50).

The amazing story of the Satan Church Movement. An almost unbelievable story of satanic control, of drug addiction, of godless immorality, and of many other things which simply will shake the average reader. The story reveals how the author was delivered from this unbelievable life only by the power of Christ. The book shows how demons are active and Satan is at work in the read here and mal not accept everything that is said even from a Christian interpretation. This is a book which will acquaint them with what is happening among many of the youth of our day.

THE COMING ONE by Kurt Koch (Kregel, 34 pages, pocket book, paper, \$1.97) The au-

thor who is a widely known Christian writer of many books, writes concerning a visit to Israel, and his study of the meaning of that little nation's rise to its present position, in the light of Bible prophecy. Israel's place in God's plans, and the future of the little nation are both considered. The author sees the Jew's return to his own land as a sign of the approach of the time for the return of the Lord.

THE TWO SIDES OF A COIN by Charles & Frances Hunter (Spiral Books, & Time-Light Publishers, 127 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) Frances Hunter, widely known for her other books on spiritual matters, joins with her husband Charles, in telling of a "baptism" of the Holy Spirit and of their experience in "speaking with tongues." Careful students of the word and of spiritual matters will have to make their own judgment concerning these testimonies. The book will speak for itself, but we believe that it should be read with care and only in the light of the clear teaching of the scriptures.

NEWEST BOOKS

Dr. Vance Havner Writes Of His Life And Ministry

THREE SCORE & TEN by Vance Havner (Revell, 128 pp., \$3.95) A collection of memories, impressions, reflections, etc. gathered along life's trail from horse and buggy days to the Jet Age by one of Southern Baptist's most beloved preachers and authors. Dr. Vance Havner has had an itinerant ministry which has carried him all over the nation, but which has given an especially broad touch with Southern Baptists in recent years. While this volume is to some degree autobiographical, it actually is not that. Rather it is a collection of memories and experiences gathered out of a full life and ministry. Dr. Havner is widely known for his pulp ability to take great truths and make them strike home through sparkling phrases and paragraphs. One who hears him never can forget the way he drives home great spiritual messages with his rare humor and precision in use of words. In this book he reminds the reader of the things which brought spiritual greatness in the past and of how we need to return to those principles today. Those already familiar with the writ-

Walnut Street Church Records 906 Professions Of Faith At Richard Hogue Revival

The Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, reports that the Richard Hogue Evangelistic Team led their church in a revival, March 18-28, with 906 professions of faith. In addition, there were 257 rededications, 38 transfer of church memberships (both by letter and statement) for a total of 1201 decisions. This Sunday School attendance of 1830 was the 3rd highest in the church's history.

The revival, originally scheduled for one week, was extended for 3 days because of capacity crowds. Dr.

Wayne Dehoney, host pastor, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, reports that "in more than 30 years in the ministry, I have never witnessed any revival comparable to it. It is the first time in 30 years in the pastorate that I have seen a packed house on Saturday night in any revival." He announced to a packed congregation Sunday morning, "We may well be listening to the Billy Graham of the next generation." He further stated that "this is probably the largest 'church house'

revival in the Southern Baptist Convention."

The 26-year-old evangelist is assisted by Darcie Hodges, soloist and song-leader, and DOVE, a 5-voice recording group for Word records.

Though Hogue and his entire team have a strong youth appeal and young people attend in mass, many adult decisions were recorded during the week. So great was the breadth of appeal that those making professions of faith came from 80 sister Baptist churches in the Louisville area and

22 different denominations, including 106 from the Catholic background.

A 74 year-old Jewess made a profession of faith on the opening night of the revival.

Several entire families made professions of faith. Marilyn Hogue, wife of the evangelist, led two hairdressers to Christ in the hotel where the members were staying.

One 76 year-old lady who confessed, "I never knew anything about a generation gap," did not miss a service.

Her daughter, a 59 year-old Sunday School teacher, confessed that "my Christian life and even my teaching had reached a point of stagnation. These have been 10 of the most fantastic days of my life."

One parent was openly critical of the "loud music" until his 17 year-old daughter was saved.

A young man who was involved in Satan worship and was identified as one of their high priests, testified that "I have committed every conceivable blasphemy and sin; the burning

of the Bible, defiling the cross. I felt that God could never forgive what I have done. Now I know that He does, and if what I have done can be forgiven, then anything can."

Hogue, called by Time Magazine, "one of the nation's most successful young evangelists" and author of Sex and the Jesus Kids and The Jesus Touch, is scheduled to lead the Mid-American Crusade in Memphis, Tennessee, October 21-28 in a 15,000 seat coliseum.

Sellers Baptist Home And Adoption Center Is Home Mission Ministry

By Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, Director
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The Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center was established by the Home Mission Board in New Orleans in 1933 and is the only home in the Southern Baptist Convention rendering service to unwed mothers and planning adoption for their babies.

Our girls range in age from twelve to forty. They come from all over the United States and from many foreign countries. They are emotionally disturbed always. Sometimes the length of time they stay is three or four weeks and sometimes it is seven months. They come to us through the pastors, through missionaries, through Baptist people, and through out literature that does frequently mention our work here.

We work with each girl who comes from the time she comes until she leaves hoping to help her to think through her many problems and to help her to work them out to her satisfaction. We do not tell the girls what they must do. We try to help them to make the decisions themselves, knowing that only as they make them themselves will they be able to stand by the decisions.

We offer a religious program that is conducive to helping the girls to do something about the time that they spend in our maternity home and also to rebuild their lives in such a way that they will become happy, useful citizens and Christians who will really work for the Lord. We are personally concerned about every girl who comes to us. There are so few people who are interested and concerned about this particular problem.

We think that a lot of the disinterest stems from the fact that folks do not quite understand what we are trying to do. They do not understand that we have a rehabilitation program and not just a shelter. We think, too, that much of the problem stems from the fact that folks do not accept this problem. They are prone, as in the days of old, to press down the girl who makes this mistake. They are not willing to give a helping hand. They feel that she has committed an unpardonable sin. We like to think that our Lord wanted to help and wants us to help those who win regardless of what kind of sin they committed. We think that He does work with us; He has been with us through the years as we have attempted to carry on this work for the less fortunate. We pray so fervently for God's help in guiding us to find just the right parents for their little babies, and guiding us in all areas of our lives.

It is difficult for those who do not live here to know just how trying the experience can be for the girl who faces the problem of unwed motherhood. She is so many times completely puzzled and upset and many times has attempted to take her life because she knows that society does not condone and usually condemns the girl who makes this mistake. We know that we all make mistakes; that some of the mistakes we make are

probably as great as those made by the girl who has committed this wrong but that society does not demand quite the payment that it demands from the girl who becomes an unwed mother. We know that we must try to understand that we are all human beings, that this mistake is a very natural one to make because God has made us as He has. We know that only through this understanding and real compassion can we hope to help a girl who wants to get back on her feet and live a life that is a desirable one. We know, as we understand her situation and the things that have happened to her in her life, why this has happened to her. We know that only as she comes to understand this will she be able to cope with the problems that will arise when she goes away. We know that temptations are great everywhere and that the temptations that this girl faces are no more than many of our girls are facing. We know that only because she is weak emotionally she is unable to cope with this problem. When she finds herself in this condition she is completely flabbergasted and very often does not know which way to turn. Far too often she resorts to the suggestion usually made by the boy that she have an abortion. We think that it is difficult for a girl to live with herself once she has taken a life. Far too often she is confronted with the possibility of selling her baby to people who will not be good parents or people who are not really concerned about the baby. Under pressure she is likely to do most anything.

Our home for the girls was begun in 1933. Our adoption program was begun on July 1, 1948. Prior to the beginning of the adoption program our babies, fifty a year, were going to a Protestant institution in our city that was placing the babies in homes where money was the primary consideration. Very few of our babies were placed in Baptist homes. We were losing fifty babies a year to other religions. We started our baby home with the specific desire to take responsibility for the little babies born to the girls in our home.

We lived and labored long in a building that was built to house one family; in that building until June 1, 1956 we had fifty - six people living and working. This included the babies, the mothers, the staff, the nurses who came to take care of the babies, the doctors, the psychologists, and other professional people necessary to help to keep this kind of program going.

In June, 1956 we moved into a beautiful, air - conditioned building, air - conditioned for winter and summer, built to house twenty - six babies. We have already had twenty-eight babies in our capacity. Built with the over - and - above money from the Annie Armstrong offering accumulated in a period of three years, it is a building that Baptists are proud of. It is a building that is a joy to work in. The building cost a total of \$119,000.00. In July, 1961 the building for the girls was added to the building completed in 1956. This building has rooms for thirty girls, four complete

staff apartments, offices for a social worker, chaplain, and receptionist, an auditorium or chapel, a dining room, kitchen, recreation room, sun-porch, and parlor. This building was built from the over - and - above of the Annie Armstrong offering and cost \$257,000.00. Furnishings for the building cost \$19,000.00.

We are willing to place our babies in any state in our Southern Baptist Convention, however, we do have limitations because many of the states cannot furnish qualified social workers to work with us and our staff is so limited that we cannot go into distant states. We are dependent upon the Department of Public Welfare in each state for services to families. You will be interested in knowing the states in which we placed our babies, last year, and number of babies who went into each state. You will also be interested in knowing the states from which the girls came and the number of girls whom we had under our care last year.

States represented during 1972 and number of girls from each state:

Alabama	10
Arkansas	2
Florida	12
Georgia	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	2
Maryland	1
Louisiana	60
Mississippi	26
Missouri	1
New Mexico	1
Oklahoma	1

South Carolina	3
Tennessee	4
Texas	3
Virginia	1

TOTAL (including 30 in home at Jan. 1, 1972) 131
States where babies were placed during 1972 and number of babies:

Alabama	23
Arkansas	2
Georgia	2
Louisiana	27
Michigan	1
Mississippi	13
North Carolina	1
Ohio	1
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	1
Texas	7

TOTAL 79

Total number of babies placed since beginning of adoption program 1,767. We have spoken many times throughout our Southern Baptist Convention, mostly to WMU meetings, state conventions, schools of missions, etc. We have never failed to make a very good impression upon the people about what work we are actually accomplishing and about our needs. We know that people are interested when they know. We know that they pray when they are interested. We are limited, however, in presenting our program because, as you know, we cannot ask girls who receive service here to go out and tell others about our work; if they did, they would be undoing all the protection that they sought through this home.

Good News Shared With The Seamen Of The World

Two former Mississippians direct one of the most unique ministries among Baptists anywhere. Rev. John Vandercook and his son, Paul, are ministers to seamen from around the world in the Port of New Orleans. Both men are graduates of Mississippi College and have been pastors of churches in Mississippi.

Their ministry to seamen is through the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service. This ministry, begun more than ten years ago, reaches many of the 300,000 seamen who come into New Orleans every year on more than 6,000 ships.

According to Vandercook, who has been the director of this service since its beginning, these men are just like men anywhere. They are a cross section of the world's population. Some are large and some are small, some are smart and some illiterate. Most make very small salaries and all of them share a need for the Gospel of Christ. It is at this last need that New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service aims its entire program.

"The policy of this ministry is an understanding of Paul's philosophy of missions in 1 Corinthians 9:22," states Mr. Vandercook. "He seems to be telling us to do anything we can anywhere we can at any time we can in order to create for ourselves opportunities to tell others of Christ's love. All of the activities of New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service are for just that purpose."

"It is not unusual for a seaman to ask during an extended sightseeing trip, 'What makes you do this for us?' The answer is always the same: Jesus shows his love for you through us. What an excellent way to show the love of Christ with the world! A smile, a handshake, and an understanding attitude help to break the barriers which divide men."

Nearly every country in the world is represented by the men who come into the Port of New Orleans. Last year the visitors of New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service contacted men from more than 95 countries. Many of these countries have no Baptist missionaries in residence. Some of them permit no

missionaries at all. But in New Orleans Chaplains visit ships from Russia, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and other Communist countries.

Some time ago several men from a Polish ship accepted Christ as their Saviour while they were in New Orleans. These men took the Good News of salvation back to Poland with them. They have gone sharing Christ's love where our missionaries cannot go.

Asked how this ministry is financed, Vandercook replied, "Through the contributions of those who love the Lord." Though it is not sponsored by any agency or Board of the Southern Baptist Convention this ministry cooperates in every way with Southern Baptists and asks that individuals and churches wishing to share in spreading the Gospel around the world through New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service do so with gifts above their regular contributions to the church and the Cooperative Program.

"For what is the money used?" For anything that helps spread the Gospel: For Bibles and tracts in more than a hundred languages, for groceries to prepare a Sunday meal, for the expenses of the center and transportation of seamen to church and center activities. Money is used for sightseeing and shopping trips, for postage, picnics, or anything else that helps break down barriers.

"What about the meal on Sunday?" That is a time for real fellowship between seamen and local people. The Seamen's Service has entertained as many as 106 people on a Sunday for lunch and usually has about 30 for the meal.

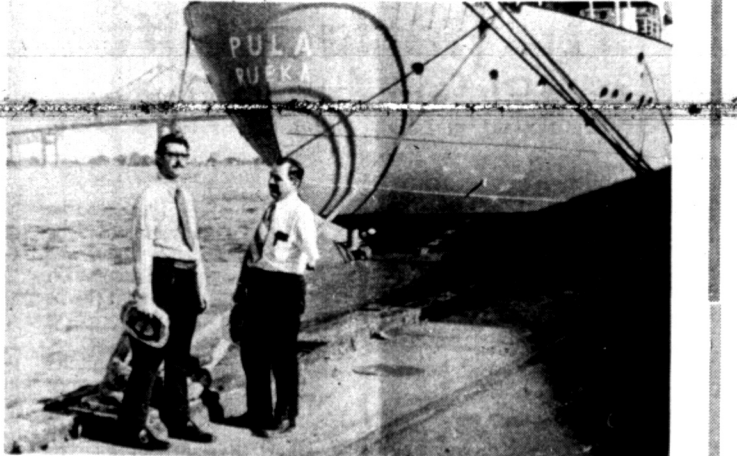
"It is easy to share one's faith while sitting around a table with men and women who care enough to share," says Mr. Vandercook. "Universally breaking bread together is a symbol of unity and equality and this is no exception. It is the most effective activity we have now for sharing the Gospel."

Asked about the effect of rising food prices on the meal he answered, "As long as people around our convention care enough to share with us, we will continue to have the meal. We just won't eat much meat."

Thinking about this ministry reminds one of the hymn: "If you cannot cross the ocean and the heathen lands explore, You can find the needy nearer. You can help those at your door." The world comes to our door in New Orleans and we can help them there.



Men from Korea pose near the activities building of Gentilly Baptist Church in New Orleans. These were among guests of New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service for worship services and lunch at the church.



New Orleans Baptist Seminar Service Director Rev. John Vandercook (right) discusses the day's plans for ship visitation with son Paul. They are standing in front of the M-V PULA, a ship from Yugoslavia. Ships from there are other Communist countries are among the thousands of ships coming into New Orleans each year.



Seen through the fog are a few of the many ships at anchor in the Port of New Orleans awaiting a turn at berth to unload. More than 6,000 ships come into the port each year.



Seafarers begin serving their plates at the Sunday lunch provided by New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service. As many as 106 have been served at one time. Men in this picture are from Nicaragua and Hong Kong.

EPA And Three Other Groups Seek Fair Postal Legislation

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — In a common plight that transcended all sectarian considerations, evangelical, Catholic, liberal and Jewish editors testified before the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee that many religious publications would be forced to close if current postal increases are made law.

Russell T. Hitt, speaking for the Evangelical Press Association, joined with the Catholic Press Association, the Associated Church Press, and the American Jewish Press Association in presenting the case. The men showed that pending legislation would boost postal rates 356 per cent in 10 years, forcing many periodicals out of business.

There are three postal bills before the Senate. One sponsored by Gale McGee (D-Wyo.), one by Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisc.) and one co-sponsored by Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.). The religious editors were unanimous in urging the passage of H. R. 4127-4128, a bill sponsored by Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.). The Udall bill would push the same postal costs in 10 years up only 88.7 per cent. Congressman Udall's bill provides that any postal increases scheduled for religious and other non-profit publications would be shared 50-50 by the publications and the federal government. In addition, the first 250,000 copies of any publication (including profit - making ones) would be entitled to a government

subsidy of one-third on its total postal rate.

John F. Fink, executive vice president of our Sunday Visitor magazine, said, "relief from second-class mail rates currently scheduled to go into effect in vitally important for the preservation of the religious press."

"Considerable publicity has been given to the 127 per cent increase that most publications — principally the profit makers — will suffer, but it appears not to be fully understood that non-profit publications will suffer much higher increases — ranging from about 300 per cent to more than 800 per cent, depending on size, weight, advertising content, distribution, etc.," he said.

George M. Wilson, executive vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, testified earlier: "There are very few alternatives left for the religious press. They have squeezed about all they can out of the subscription price. Advertising rates are as high as the trade will bear. And there are no alternative methods of delivery for the religious press. . . . James Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, warned that the typical religious publication doesn't have the resources for additional revenue. . . . and would be forced to shutdown."

The men argued that postal rate increases averaging approximately 88 per cent over 10 years are high enough for the religious press to bear.

Radio-TV Commission Prepares NewCenturymenMusicProgram

FORT WORTH (BP) — "Night-song," a 15 - minute radio music program featuring music by The Centurymen, will be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio - Television Commission here in an effort to reach the "night people" of the nation.

The all - music program will spotlight religious music performed by The Centurymen, the 100 - voice choir composed of ministers of music of Southern Baptist churches across the country. Director of the Centurymen is Buryl Red, who heads B-R productions and Generic Music in New York City.

"Night-song" will be produced by J. Malcolm Edwards, music manager of the Radio-TV Commission.

"The show will be primarily a music show with very little voice bridging between songs," said Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio - TV Commission.

"We selected this type of format because music is a universal lan-

guage," he said. "We feel that it will appeal to a broad spectrum of people."

"Night-song" is designed for broadcast three nights a week. "It will be produced only in stereo and marketed through FM stereo stations with the request that it be aired after 11 p.m. and before the 6 a.m. sign on."

He said the show will use a female announcer and will feature a variety of music, from Bach to gospel hymns arranged by Red.

"Night-song" will be directed at people — such as truck drivers, factory workers on night shifts, security guards and others — who work at night and sleep during the day.

"This program will be an evangelistic outreach in a different form," said Stevens. "Each show will end with a very direct invitation to write to the Radio-TV Commission. We'll have the announcer say something like, 'If you would like to know more about the love of Jesus, please write us at this address and we'll talk about it.'"

Associational Officers' Clinic Planned For Garaywa May 8

Woman's Missionary Union will be offering leader training for associational officers in all age levels on May 8 at Camp Garaywa.

Included in the day's activities will be conferences for the following associational officers:

Associational ministries, WMU directors, Baptist Women directors, Baptist Young Women directors, Acteens directors, Girls in Action directors, Mission Friends directors.

Information will be gained to aid leaders in promoting WMU work in the associations, in planning and carrying out the duties of each office, and also in creating interest and participation through innovative and creative ideas.

Registration is not required. Lunch will be provided. The conference will

begin at 9:45 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

Homecoming Ready For Phalti Church

"Homecoming Day" will be observed at Phalti Church, Prentiss, May 6.

Morning services will start at 10:30 and afternoon services at 1:30. The preachers will be Rev. Reed Polk and Rev. H. D. Booth, both former members of the church. There will be dinner on the ground.

A record \$201.8 million worth of air and water control equipment was installed in 1972 by the domestic steel industry, according to the Steel Institute.

Names In The News



Russ Cline, a Missouri Baptist minister who has turned his talents to the secular recording field, and his wife, Helen, will perform at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress in St. Louis, Missouri, August 14-16. The Clines will sing several of their contemporary songs, and some selections from their religious album, "Reaching Out." The three-day Congress is expected to draw more than 7,000 teenage Royal Ambassadors. They will take part in a march through downtown St. Louis, an afternoon or personal witnessing and mission activities, special pre-game activities at a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game, and an afternoon at Six Flags Over Mid-America. Congress registration is \$5.00 per person. Registration forms and more Congress information are available from State Brotherhood Departments or from Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.



Dr. James K. Pierce, pastor of Amite Baptist Church, Denham Springs, La., delivered the keynote address for Ministerial Alumni Day held recently at Blue Mountain College, attended by 70 men. He is the father of June Pierce, a BMC student. Several leaders seen are, from left, seated: Dr. Pierce and Rev. Bill Baker, pastor of Dumas Baptist Church, Tippah County, newly elected president of Ministerial Alumni, and a 1972 graduate of the college. Standing, left, is Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president, and Dr. James L. Travis, professor on Bible at BMC and advisor for the alumni, who served as master of ceremonies on Alumni Day.

The April 19 issue of "The Beacon," the bulletin of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, extends congratulations to Dr. David R. Grant upon the occasion of his 15th anniversary as pastor. Figures reveal that the membership of the church in 1958 was 762, compared to the 3,592 at present, resulting in a 15-year gain of 2,830. Dr. Grant is also president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The church received the 6,000th member during the ministry of Dr. Grant on Sunday, April 15.

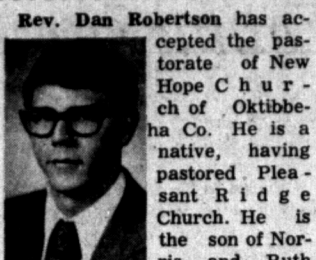
Rev. M. L. Wallace to be ordained into the Gospel Ministry, April 29, 1973 at the Friendship Baptist Church, Pike County. The Rev. Mr. Wallace has been called as pastor of the Clifton Baptist Church, Forest, Scott County. Rev. Wallace is married and the father of two daughters. He is a graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College and is presently a student at Whitworth College in Brookhaven.

Rev. M. L. Wallace is orphaned. Rev. H. Glenn Schilling brought the charge to the church and Rev. Charles L. Taylor, pastor of the New Beulah Baptist Church, Hammond, La., brought the ordination message. Mr. Clifton Williams directed the music. Rev. H. Glenn Schilling is pastor of Friendship Church.

William David Patterson, a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg, has been named a runner-up for the Luther Rich Scholar Award from The Southern Baptist Seminary. The Rice awards are given annually to outstanding college seniors and graduates who plan to enter some phase of the Christian ministry within the United States. Patterson will receive a half scholarship valued at \$500.

While in college, Patterson has maintained a high academic record and was involved in numerous extra-curricular activities (president of Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, vice president of Student Government, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu, Phi Eta Sigma, Kappa Sigma fraternity).

Patterson will enter Southern Seminary's School of Theology and hopes to become a pastor. He is from Sumrall, Mississippi.



Rev. Dan Robertson has accepted the pastorate of New Hope Church of Okibbeha Co. He is a native, having pastored Pleasant Ridge Church. He is the son of Norris and Ruth Robertson of Myrtle. He is a graduate of West Union High School of Union Co. and is to receive his B. S. degree in speech education from Mississippi State University in May. He was ordained at Macedonia Church at Myrtle, in October, 1972. He is married to the former Jane Whatley of Longview.

Rev. David Mayhall, superintendent of missions for Washington Association, will be the speaker for the Warren County Pastor-Layman's banquet to be held at First Church, Vicksburg May 22.

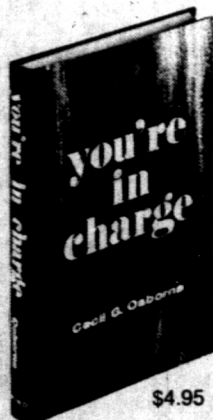
Rev. W. O. Pippen, pastor of Bethel Church in Jones Association for the past four years, is the new pastor of Hebron Church in Clay Association. The Bethel Church had a substantial growth under Mr. Pippen's leadership.

NASHVILLE (BP).—Leonard E. Wedel, the first director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's office of personnel, has chosen an early retirement, effective April 1, after 29 years of service to the board.

Beulah Pastor Moves To Brewer

Sunday, April 1, Beulah Church in Union County had an appreciation dinner for their pastor, Rev. Tommy Vinson. Mr. Vinson has served at Beulah for the past four years, and assumed the pastorate of Brewer Church in Lee Association April 15. In addition to the dinner, the church presented the Vinson family with a check for \$200 as a gift.

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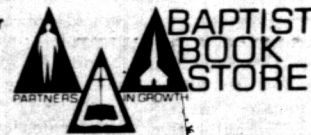
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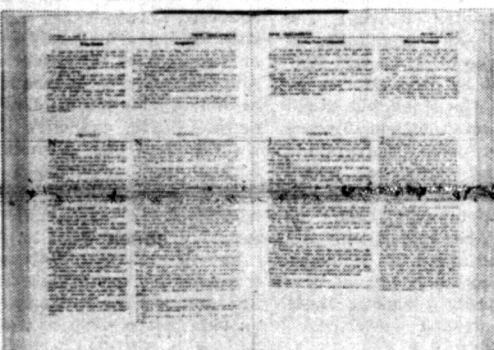
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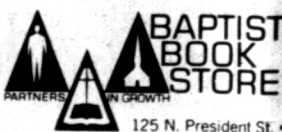
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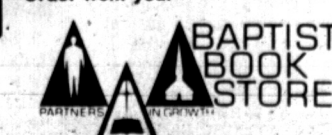
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Christians need a deep conviction that the experience of the salvation of Christ means newness of life. To begin with, something happens in Christian conversion which makes one a new person in Christ. This means a new purpose in living and new motivation and power for achievement. And all this means that the life of the Christian should be a manifestation in the attitudes and virtues of Christian character, giving evidence to the world of commitment to Christ as Lord. But the manifestation of the newness of life is not automatic. It calls for willing obedience and steadfast devotion on the part of the Christian. This will require stern discipline in putting aside and renouncing the practices of the life in sin in order to embrace and practice the qualities of Christlikeness in fidelity to him as Lord.

The Lesson Explained
NEW BIRTH AND NEW LIFE
(John 1:9-13)

Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, came into the world to give life and light to men. The tragedy is that when he came he was not recognized as the Savior sent from God. Men rejected the light because their deeds were evil. How amazing, "his own received him not!" But some did recognize him as the long-promised Redeemer, as the fulfillment of God's covenant with his people; some did receive him with penitent faith and glad hearts. Whoever received Jesus, believing in his saving name, his saving power, his saving love, receive power to become the children of God. That is, they received a new life. They experienced a new birth. This is something man cannot achieve for himself. It is God's gift. Apart from this, one cannot know God in the forgiveness of sin, in the reality of eternal life.

TRANSFORMATION BY GRACE
(Eph. 2:1-9)

Before the experience of God's saving power in Christ, one is spiritually dead in trespasses and sins. This is not a figure of speech but the reality of being dead in sin without the true life in Christ. The person in the bondage of sin follows the practices of the world. He is in the bondage of Satan, "the prince of the power of the air." His ways are marked by disobedience toward God. One is subject to the passions and desires of the flesh, and to a lesser or greater degree will live under the control of appetite and lust and pride. And therefore one is by nature a child of wrath, the wrath of God, which is his divine reaction to sin. We ought not to close our minds to the terror and ruin of the reign of sin in the life of humanity.

But God's mercy knew no limit. His love was poured out in the sacrifice of Christ. His grace was greater than our death in condemnation. Therefore, he did three things: He made us alive together with Christ; he raised us up to new life; he caused us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. Our salvation, therefore, is the achievement of God's grace. We are to be the trophies of his grace and his kindness in Jesus Christ throughout all the coming ages. We are thus saved by grace through faith. This does not mean that grace was forced on us. Our response by faith was a commitment of ourselves to Christ as Lord and Savior.

THE DIVINE INTENTION
(Eph. 1:10)

Salvation by grace is meant to be

productive of good works. Our salvation is God's doing. The divine intention in our salvation is a new kind of moral character and also good works in terms of helpful service to our fellowmen. We are saved from sin, but we are saved for the objective of bearing the fruits of righteousness and joining in redemptive service to become the medium of salvation for other persons. The essence of the sinful life is self-centeredness. But the essence of the new life in Christ is love toward God and love toward all the people of the world.

Truths to Live By
Amazing grace should never be forgotten. — We need to recapture a new sense of man's utter helplessness in sin and a new recognition that one comes into a saved relationship with God rather than by the good works of self-righteousness. This grace has been made available to us because of the wonder of God's love and the richness of his mercy shown in the self-giving of Christ on the cross.

Christ living in us is the secret of the new life before the world. — This is our only hope for victory over temptation and courage to resist the wiles of the devil. There is something about Christian experience utterly unknown to the life of the unbeliever and utterly strange in all other religious faiths. The follower of Christ has been made a partaker in the power of his victory over sin and death. The presence of his Spirit is a dynamic for living on the level of honesty and kindness and purity and endurance and hope. The life of the Christian, therefore, ought to be a witness to the world of humility and compassion and patience and forgiveness and fortitude and courage.

We are on trial for Christ. — We affirm the truth, Christ makes men new. This is a central teaching of the New Testament. It is a reality in Christian experience. But the unbelieving world cannot understand it and will not believe it unless we make this truth come alive before the world.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

God Beyond Us

Exodus 33:18-23; Isa. 40:12-26;
Romans 11:33-36; I Timothy 6:16

By Bill Duncan

Harrison E. Salisbury returned from Moscow to report: "Some of the most brilliant Russian scientists have suggested that there must exist in the Universe a Force or Power that is superior to man. This has shocked communist officials who have opposed all religious faith in favor of atheism."

The truth of the matter is that all people see in the creation that which points to the creator. Dr. Howard J. Shaughnessy, chief of Laboratories for the Illinois State Health Department suggests the woodcock's beak as one proof for the existence of a personal God. Dr. Shaughnessy says the bird's beak is peculiarly adapted to digging earthworms. The three inch long beak comes equipped with a hinge in the middle of its upper part. The bird can spring open the beak while deep in the soil. No other bird has a beak like this. Only a God could equip a bird with such equipment.

But many people do not understand the God or Creator so they think of Him as beyond human understanding and relationship. God is not dead but many people act as though He has dropped out of the picture as far as they are concerned. Because of these thoughts there is a need for us to study these lessons on the subject of God. What people think about God does make a difference in what they are and do. Our thoughts about God should make a difference as to how we think about ourselves, how we restrain our appetites, how we react to popularity, or what we want out of life.

"George A. Buttrick aptly says, 'we cannot prove God, and would not try.'"

Emil Brunner once commented: "To ask the question, then, 'Is there a God?' is to fail to be morally serious. If there is no God then it is absurd to trouble one's self about right or wrong." The great theologian went on to say that every human knows that there is a difference in good and evil.

We have no reason to worry about proving the existence of God, but we have every reason to hear his self-affirmation and know we are in his presence. God is, and whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Heb. 11:6.

God is more than what philosophy refers to Him when He is called the Ground of Being or Absolute. God is a person in that is personal and desire fellowship with each person. God has the attributes of personality: mind, feeling, will, freedom, responsibility, conscious, self-awareness and intelligent purpose.

Anyone who speaks of God as though He were a cousin about whom, naturally one knows everything really knows nothing of God. The first and most important fact that we can know about God is that we know nothing of Him except what He Himself has revealed to us. We see the world and realize that he is beyond our knowledge. Some would even say that He is a mystery. To think of God as a mystery makes us feel vain and as the dust. God is a Holy one who is the Lord of Judgement in the world. God desires that we know His greatness and seriousness and permit ourselves to be led by His will.

God can be defined only in the terms of his own being. He is self-explained. "The mystery of his being is too deep for human intelligence to penetrate, the wonder of his glory too bright for human vision, the majesty of his transcendence too great for human comprehension and the secrets of his righteous ways and holy purposes too sublime for human insight." No wonder the apostle Paul wrote "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways." (Rom. 11:33).

But the hiddenness of God is not without wondrous self-manifestation.



North Corinth Has Noteburning

Sunday, April 15th was a day of rejoicing and dedication for the North Corinth Church. Just before Christmas a new Baldwin Piano was purchased for the Sanctuary. Due to the marvelous response and concerted effort of the membership the piano was dedicated debt free on this Sunday. In the morning worship hour a dedication and note burning service were held. Followed by dinner on the grounds, and an afternoon of singing. Pictured, left to right are: Shirley Rinehart, piano fund committee member; Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor; Pam Rinehart, pianist; Peggy Burcham, committee member; Leo Cobb, music director and Truman Dawson, organist and committee chairman.

Pastor, Minister Of Music Of West Jackson Church Tour Holy Land

A lifetime dream was realized recently for Rev. and Mrs. Max Jones, West Jackson Baptist Church, where Mr. Jones is pastor, sponsored a jet cruise tour of the missionary journey of Paul through the Holy Land.

They were accompanied on the trip by the minister of music and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pollard.

The thirteen-day tour which included the countries of Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Cyprus originated in Dallas, Texas. On the way over, the plane touched down in Frankfurt, Germany, and in London, England, on the return trip.

The group visited many of the familiar places mentioned in the Bible such as Cyprus, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Samaria, Jericho, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Beirut, Antioch, Patmos, Pergamos, Kavala, Athens, and Corinth, just to name a few.

Mr. Jones, who preached at the open tomb reported that Mr. Pollard blessed the hearts of the group as he was called upon continuously to sing and to lead the singing for the service.

Jesus was the Revelation of God to the world that He is love. In this way God revealed himself to the limit of men's capacity to know God, to experience the life of God and to partake of the nature of God. In Christ we see the personal nature of God completely as reflected in the Bible. We can come to worship God so personal that we say "Our Father".

Yet we still do not fully understand God and His ways. We see the truth of God and the way of God in so much but it is still a mystery. But there are many things I do not understand but I use them just the same. I do not understand electric power but thank God that I can cut on the switch and the darkness is gone. God who is with us and beyond us is also in us. This is because of the nature of God.

Two Music Clinics Planned For Children's Workers

Mrs. Nan Grantham, music assistant, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, is coordinator of the two Children's Choir Demonstration Clinics sponsored by the Church Music Department.

These clinics are scheduled for May 3 at First, Leland, and May 4, First, Mendenhall, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The theme of these clinics will be "Our Children And Music," and the goal is to give every worker present, (musical or non-musical), something that he or she can take home and use with the children next Sunday, and many Sundays thereafter.

These two events are designed with workers of children in all phases of the church program in mind. There will be separate sessions for those who work with choirs and those who work with any other groups in the church. There will also be demonstration choirs composed of children from the various churches.

All workers with children are invited to attend. Nursery will be provided at both clinics.

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Devotional

On Conscience

John 14:26; 16:13-14
By Gordon H. Sansing, pastor,
First Church, Marks

Conscience is like a sundial telling time. During the hours of daylight, and so long as the sun is shining, the sundial will give a correct reading of the time. But when the sun is hidden there is no directive for the sundial, and its record may be an erroneous report on the time. So it is with conscience. As long as the light of God's word shines upon us and directs our decisions, the voice of conscience is both correct and helpful. But when conscience is trained in ideas and ways not Christian, it will not only fail to give the true direction, but will make the loss all the greater because it claims to speak with authority.

So, many are those who confuse conscience with the Spirit of God. "As long as my conscience doesn't bother me, I'm all right," is the motto. But do not be deceived; there is more than rightness that desires control of your life. One can close God out of his decisions and feel right as far as his conscience is concerned.

This being true then, one must let God direct the conscience and life. Make decisions in the light of His word. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path." "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin against God." "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." Conscience can be trusted only when the light of God gives it direction. Let your conscience be your guide, but only as God guides your conscience.

"For when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will tell you what he hears, and will speak of things to come. He will give me glory, for he will take what I have to say and tell it to you."

Alabama Baptists Celebrate Sesquicentennial Year

An historical pageant, history and hymn writing contests, and a convention session in a tent at the organization site are among the plans underway for the observance this year of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Throughout the year, many of the 870,000 Alabama Baptists from 2,959 churches in the state convention will be involved in pageants, skits and other activities related to or representative of the sesquicentennial.

Institutions and agencies of the convention — Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Foundation of Alabama, Samford University, Judson College, Mobile College, The Alabama Baptist newspaper, and Woman's Missionary Union (auxiliary to the convention) — will give special emphasis to the sesquicentennial.

A sesquicentennial seal with the words "Proclaiming Christ to the World, 1823 - 1973" will be used by churches and associations. Many churches will erect signs denoting that they are one of the 2,959 churches

in Alabama celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Winning hymns and essays from hymn writing and history writing contests will be published in connection with the sesquicentennial.

A sesquicentennial edition of "Good News for Modern Man" (Today's English Version of the Bible) is to be distributed free to Alabamians on September 16 by churches and associations.

September 16 is to be designated "Good News Day in Alabama," with newspapers to be asked to use the front or alternate page that day to print only "good news."

The sesquicentennial year is to climax with the annual session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Greek Cruise Ship Capsizes; Holy Land Tourists Escape

BEIRUT, Lebanon — About 250 Baptists and Methodists touring the Holy Land escaped serious injury following an explosion on their Greek cruise ship, Sounion. Within 15 minutes the abandoned ship had capsized and was under 30 feet of water. Most of the U.S. pilgrims were left with only the nightclothes they were wearing. The next morning the group was taken to Jerusalem where they met with officials of the ministry of tourism and their tour company. They were given clothing, shoes and a

warm, dry hotel room. Those who had lost glasses; hearing aids or false teeth were given temporary replacements or promised help upon their return to the States. Most wanted to continue the tour and officials were able to calm others who wanted to return to the States immediately.

Southern Baptist missionary Charles C. Worthy, representing Baptists and the United Christian Council in Israel, offered clothing, housing and moral support but it seemed money was the thing most needed. Worthy

Sessions are set for November 12 and 13 at First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, with an historical pageant depicting past and projected history of Alabama Baptists planned for the night of November 13 at Memorial Coliseum, University of Alabama.

The final convention session will be held in Greensboro the morning of November 14 in a large tent to be erected on the site of Old Salem Baptist Church where the Alabama Baptist State Convention was organized in 1823. Long beards and period dresses will be emphasized for the occasion.

State government and denominational leaders will be invited to the Greensboro session, "Dinner on the grounds" at the Greensboro National Guard Armory will end the convention.

Other sesquicentennial plans include a souvenir program to be distributed at convention sessions, a mementoes display at Tuscaloosa First Baptist Church during the convention, shuttle bus service from Tuscaloosa to Greensboro, and sesquicentennial issues of The Alabama Baptist and Tuscaloosa News.



Spring Festival Royalty At BMC

Spring Festival Royalty at Blue Mountain College: For 73 of the institution's 100 years of service to higher education in Mississippi, Blue Mountain's Queen has always been crowned as May Queen, but for the first time, the Alumnae Day and Festival Day was celebrated on April 28. Miss Mary Carmen McCulley of Tupelo reigned over the first Spring Festival as Queen, and Miss Margo Chrestman of Houlika served as Maid of Honor. Miss McCulley, left, served as president of the Euzelian Society and vice president of the Student Government Council, and Miss Chrestman, right, served as President of the Modenian Society and is listed in the 1973 volume of "Who's Who Among Young Athletes of America." Both are seniors. The Spring Festival came near the close of Blue Mountain's 100th birthday celebration.

Crosby Gets Medal For Meritorious Work While In Turkey

When Chaplain Major George K. Crosby received the Meritorious Service Medal at Keesler AFB, there was a home town touch to the ceremonies. Making the presentations was Colonel William A. Boutwell, left, vice commander of Keesler Technical Training Center, who is also from Sontag, the chaplain's birthplace.

Chaplain Crosby received the medal for service during his assignment in Ankara, Turkey, where he served as Protestant chaplain with the U. S. Logistics Group before coming to Keesler. He was recognized for "Outstanding service, professional knowledge, initiative and devotion to duty." He was further cited for "His diligent efforts in providing a dynamic hospital ministry, counseling, and adult education program which added immeasurably to the spiritual, intellectual and moral welfare of the people of the entire Ankara Command."

A graduate of Mississippi College, he received his seminary training at New Orleans Seminary.

A veteran of Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Chaplain Crosby's wife is the former Ann Elizabeth Smith of Hazlehurst. They have three children, George Jr., David, and Terri.



Chaplain Major George K. Crosby, right, receives award from Colonel William A. Boutwell.

To Engage In Concert Work

Dr. Sidney L. Buckley, Furman University associate professor of music and director of the Furman Opera Workshop, will leave the teaching profession to engage in full time concert work around the country.



A bass soloist, Buckley will perform sacred concerts, opera and oratorios, often in roles he has played over the past 15 years. He will end his sixth year on the Furman Music Department faculty in May.

Buckley will remain minister of music at Easley's First Baptist Church and maintain his home in Easley while traveling to engagements during the week.

Occasionally Buckley will be accompanied by a string quartet composed of his wife, Virginia, on viola; 13-year-old daughter Susan on violin, ten-year-old son Sid on cello and eight-year-old Seth on violin. Sara Leigh, at one year old, is too young to play.

Buckley will sing the part of Noah in Benjamin Britten's "Noye's Fludde" at Anderson College on May 13, and appear in Mendelssohn's "Elijah" at First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss. May 18. He will perform "Elijah," a role he played last summer at the Ridgecrest Music Conference, again a week later in Fayetteville.

Buckley is a native of Columbia, Miss. He graduated from Pearl River Junior College, William Carey College, earned a master's degree in church music from New Orleans Seminary, and the doctorate in music from Florida State University.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Porter W. Buckley of Columbia, Miss. His father is pastor of South Columbia Baptist Church.

Dr. Buckley has served as church music director in Baptist churches in Mississippi including First, Gulfport, and Georgia and taught voice at Florida State University before joining the Furman faculty.

He is married to the former Virginia Willoughby of Columbia, Miss.

Gospel Singing Planned

There will be a Gospel Singing at Oakvale Baptist Church, Oakvale, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. featuring the "Melody Makers" from Gulfport. Everyone welcome. Rev. Clayton Mason is pastor.



Pelahatchie Pastor Given New Car

On Easter Sunday, the beginning of revival week with Dr. Chester Swor, the Pelahatchie Church surprised their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Maddux, with a new yellow 1973 Chevrolet Impala, complete with all accessories, including the tag. The presentation was made by the chairman of deacons, Claude Robinson at left above, who gave Bob and Billie Faye Maddux, right, a large Easter basket containing chocolate bunnies and a toy model car, inside of which were the keys to the new Impala parked on front sidewalk of the church. Mrs. Merle Johns recited an original poem during the presentation ceremony. During the Sunday School hour the Nursery Department where Mrs. Maddux teaches had given her an orchid corsage, hinting only that it was an Easter remembrance. Rev. and Mrs. Maddux and their three children have lived in Pelahatchie for five years. This was the third time since 1966 they have been honored with the gift of a new automobile from fellow Christians.

Center Terrace, Canton Calls New Pastor

Rev. David Myers has accepted the call of Center Terrace Baptist Church in Canton and preached his first sermon as pastor on April 29.

Mr. Myers comes to Canton from the First Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina where he served as associate pastor since 1969.

Mr. Myers is a native of Jackson, attended Wesson public schools, graduated from Mississippi College in 1965 with a BA degree. He received his degree from Southern Seminary in 1969.

He is married to the former Brenda Hooks and they have two children, Andrew Benton and Marley Allie.

Some people get a divorce from the Church and then want alimony.



Evansville Dedication

On Feb. 1st the Evansville Church, in Tate County, had a special dedication service at which time a new educational building was dedicated. Included in this were some additional Sunday School rooms, a baby nursery, and a pastor's office. Those serving on the building committee were, second from the left, Jimmie Baker, W. E. Patrick, and John Turley, chairman, and the pastor, Rev. Bernette Fielder, on the left. Also during the past year Evansville has been privileged to license two young men, Wayne King, and Ralph Hall to the gospel ministry.

Excuses are crutches upon which weak Christians lean.

Revival Dates

Liberty Church, Liberty: May 6 - 8; Youth - led revival; Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services at 7:00 p.m.; Youth Rally to be held May 5 at 7:00 p.m.; Tommy and Dianne Winders, evangelistic team, Tupelo; Rev. John E. Watts, pastor.

Unity Church, Pascagoula: May 6 - 13; Jarry Autrey, evangelist; Barry Morris, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays services 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. C. I. Miller, pastor.

Friendship (Jones): May 9-12; special emphasis on youth; Rev. Wayne Dubose, pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, evangelist; Floyd Grice, minister of music, Magnolia Street Church, directing music; services at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Artis Brewer, pastor.

Juniper Grove (Pearl River County): Youth led revival: May 4 - 6; Rev. Rickey Henson, Clarke College, preaching; David McArthur, Clarke College, leading music; Quartet from Clarke will bring special music; Fri., Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday regular hours of services; Rev. Robert Dunn, pastor.

Trinity Church, Vicksburg: April 8-13; Rev. Jack Butler, pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jasper, Texas, evangelist; Wayne Ward, Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, singer; Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor; three professions of faith; three by letter; four surrendered to full time service; and a number of rededications.

On Monday, May 14, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, there will be a Jr. High Choir Demonstration Clinic, under the direction of Alan Celoria, minister of music of that church.

This clinic will deal primarily with the concept of the Cambiata voice and present materials to help one better understand this somewhat new voice classification many musicians have found usable. A demonstration choir, made up of 12 singers from each of the following churches: First, Colum-

Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson: May 6-13; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Dr. and Mrs. John McNair, singers; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Louis Smith, pastor.

First Church, Sumrall: May 4-6; Youth Revival; Rev. Malcolm Richard, Baton Rouge, evangelist; Jim Cole, singer; services Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.; Rev. George Berger, pastor.

Westview, Jackson: May 13 - 18; Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions, Hinds - Madison Association, evangelist; Rev. John L. Gilbert, pastor of Westview, singer. (Westview has just completed extensive renovation and will have services in their new auditorium. Special singing groups will be presented each night; services at 7:30 p.m.)

Hopewell Deacons Pass Resolution On Death Of Member

The deacons of the Hopewell Church near Meadville have passed a resolution in which they "exceedingly regret the passing of Wilton Harris Jones," a deacon of the church.

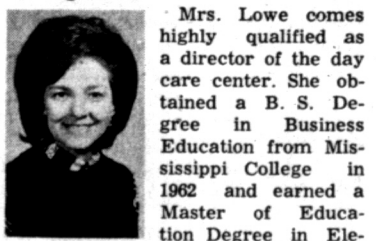
The resolution further stated that Mr. Jones, who died March 14, was active in church work and was ordained as a deacon of the church in 1956, served as Sunday school superintendent and as teacher, and was also active in civic and school affairs.

The resolution was signed by Onnie Adams, Jr., Chairman, Charles Buckels and Oliver Jones, Jr.

A registration fee of \$2.00 to cover the cost of all literature and materials used in this clinic (which the first 50 persons registered will be allowed to keep should be mailed to: Alan Celoria, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Those not pre-registered may do so immediately preceding the clinic.

Ridgecrest, Jackson To Open Parent-Child Development Center

The Ridgecrest Church of Jackson Parent - Child Development Center, under the direction of Mrs. Wilm Lowe (pictured) will open Monday, June 4, it was announced by John D. Marshall, minister of education at Ridgecrest.



Mrs. Lowe comes highly qualified as a director of the day care center. She obtained a B. S. Degree in Business Education from Mississippi College in 1962 and earned a Master of Education Degree in Elementary Education with emphasis in early childhood education in 1971. She has studied beyond the Master's Degree in child psychology at Mississippi State University from 1971 to 1973.

Registration begins on Thursday, April 26, from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. Registration on this date will be limited to (1) Ridgecrest Baptist Church Members, (2) Ridgecrest Baptist Church Sunday School members, and (3) Children who are currently enrolled in the Church kindergarten.

The second registration date will be Thursday, May 3, from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. Registration on this date will be for all other interested parents. Registration will take place in the preschool suite just east of the underpass at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, located at 428 West Northside Drive.

The day - care center will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., five days a week, according to Marshall. He said the program structure will accommodate children aged six weeks through 5 years and elementary school children in afternoons, during summers and on holidays.

Further information concerning the Ridgecrest Baptist Church Parent-Child Development Center may be obtained by calling John D. Marshall at 362-6906, or writing to him at 428 West Northside Drive, Jackson 39206.

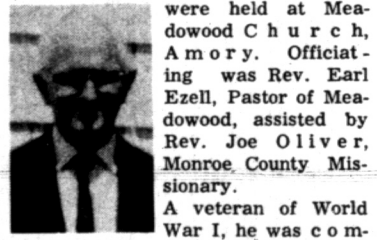
C. A. Leonard Dies; Emeritus Missionary

DEMING, N. M. — Charles A. Leonard, 90, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died in a local hospital April 20. Funeral was to be held here.

The body has been willed to Texas Technological University, Lubbock, for medical research.

ACTIVE DEACON PASSES AWAY

Keith I. Allen life-long resident of Amory, died March 16, in Memphis, at the age of 78. Funeral services



were held at Meadowood Church, Amory. Officiating was Rev. Earl Ezell, Pastor of Meadowood, assisted by Rev. Joe Oliver, Monroe County Missionary.

A veteran of World War I, he was company commander for the Amory Unit of the Miss National Guard for 20 years.

He was retired from Frisco Railroad, a Mason, and a charter member and past president of the Amory Rotary Club.

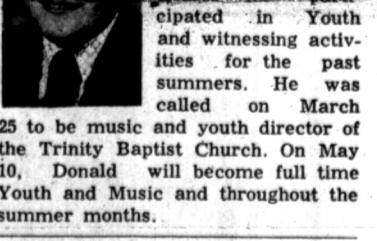
He was a charter Member of Meadowood Baptist Church having volunteered to leave First Baptist of Amory with others to start Meadowood as a mission.

At the early age of 18 he was elected to serve as clerk of his home church. Through the years he served as adult Sunday school teacher, church clerk, treasurer, R. A. director and served as a Deacon for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lourie Strickland Allen of Amory, two sons, Keith Allen, Jr. of Greenville, Sammy Allen of Starkville; and a sister Mrs. Lois Hollis of Sulligent, Ala., and two grandchildren.

Trinity, Vicksburg Adds New Staffer

Trinity Church, Vicksburg, has welcomed to its church staff a new minister of music and youth, Donald Dukes. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dukes of Meridian. Donald is a sophomore at Clarke College and member of the choir there. He is a voice major with a minor in piano.



He has done music and youth work at the Toomsboro Church and participated in Youth and witnessing activities for the past summers. He was called on March 25 to be music and youth director of the Trinity Baptist Church. On May 10, Donald will become full time Youth and Music and throughout the summer months.

Leonard and his wife, who died in Hawaii for 39 years prior to their 1971, were missionaries in China, and retirement in 1949.